

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 17, 1848.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

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[To accompany bill S. No. 150.]

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The petitioner was distinguished for his bravery, and his conduct met with the entire approbation of all his officers, and he is represented as a gallant and deserving man.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner is entitled to as high a pension as has ever been allowed in such a case. In 1816, a law was passed granting a pension of forty dollars per month to a private soldier, who had lost both hands.

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